

taxonomists as Linnaeus, Lamarck, Willdenow, the DeCandolles, the Hookers, Bentham, Eichler, Kunth, Torrey, Gray and countless others) for many decades, of capitalizing the initial letter of personal specific names, must be abandoned, is here put into practice. This, it is assumed, is supposed to be "progressive"¹. The results of the abandonment of capital initials for personal specific names may often be unfortunate. Thus, again referring to *Fumaria*, the species, *F. Bastardii*, was named by Boreau in honor of the great French botanist, TOUSSAINT BASTARD but, deprived of its capital initial, the name seems more a dishonor than an honor and one gets the impression that the parents of the distinguished botanist of Angers were blindly optimistic in selecting the given name Tous-saint!

But these little details aside, the new series of Drawings is bound to be most helpful and it will be almost as much needed in America as in Britain.—M. L. F.

OPHRYDIUM; A CORRECTION.—Through an error of the Editors the text-figures on page 5 were called "UNIDENTIFIED OPHRYDIUM". The caption should have been:

FIGS.: 1, individual, OPHRYDIUM animals; 2, animal condensing to a telotroch; 3, telotrochs or free swimming individuals; 4, telotrochs in resting state; 5, individual in process of binary fission?

Readers are asked to note this correction.—EDS.

¹ See note on this subject in RHODORA xlix. 79–81 (1947).

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